

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A cocoon-shaped colloidal~~Colloidal silica having a cocoon shape and that does not dissolve in an aqueous alkali solution of a pH of 11.5 or less and more than 11.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A cocoon-shaped colloidal~~Colloidal silica having a cocoon shape and prepared ~~[[from]]~~by hydrolyzing an alkoxysilane condensate in the presence of an ammonia or ammonium salt catalyst.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A cocoon-shaped colloidal~~Colloidal silica having a cocoon shape and prepared by further heating under pressure a colloidal silica prepared by hydrolyzing an alkoxysilane condensate in the presence of an ammonia or ammonium salt catalyst.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A cocoon-shaped~~The colloidal silica as set forth in ~~[[Claim]]~~claim 3, wherein the temperature to which said colloidal silica is heated under pressure is 105 to 374.1 °C.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A cocoon-shaped~~The colloidal silica as set forth in ~~[[Claim]]~~claim 2 or 3, wherein said alkoxysilane condensate has an average degree of condensation of 2 to 8.

6. (Currently Amended) Polishing abrasive particles comprising the ~~cocoon-shaped colloidal silica~~ having a cocoon shape as set forth in any one of ~~[[Claims]]~~claims 1 to 3.

7. (Currently Amended) A process for the manufacture of a ~~cocoon-shaped colloidal silica~~ having a cocoon shape, the process comprising adding

continuously an alkoxysilane condensate or its solution in an aqueous solvent to an aqueous solution of ammonia or an ammonium salt or to an aqueous solution containing ammonia or an ammonium salt and an aqueous solvent, thereby hydrolyzing the alkoxysilane.

8. (Currently Amended) A process for the manufacture of a ~~cocoon-shaped~~ colloidal silica having a cocoon shape, the process comprising adding continuously an alkoxysilane condensate or its solution in an aqueous solvent to an aqueous solution of ammonia or an ammonium salt or to an aqueous solution containing ammonia or an ammonium salt and an aqueous solvent, thereby hydrolyzing the alkoxysilane; and further heating under pressure.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~The process for the manufacture of a ~~cocoon-shaped~~ colloidal silica having a cocoon shape as set forth in [[Claim]]claim 8, wherein the temperature to which said alkoxysilane condensate hydrolyzate is heated under pressure is 105 to 374.1°C.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~The process for the manufacture of a ~~cocoon-shaped~~ colloidal silica having a cocoon shape as set forth in [[Claims]]claims 7 or 8, wherein said alkoxysilane condensate has an average degree of condensation of 2 to 8.